

**SIGN UP
NOW FOR
WHITE CANE
DRIVE**

Chair **Marianne Larsen** is looking for volunteers to fill a long slate of openings for our white cane fundraiser in March and April. Each shift is just a couple of hours at the Walmart at Kolb and Speedway. Call her at 299-3165.

Here and There --

Lion Will Bond made the pages of the Tucson Star in December when he was named a Gift of Tucson. That's how we learned that Will decided to join the Lions because of some help the Lions gave him a few years back in Virginia. Since he can't pay them back, Will says, he decided to pay it



forward by volunteering with the Lions.

Thanks, Will - we are glad you chose our club! See the whole story soon on the TDLC website

www.TucsonDowntownLions.org

Keep **Lion Pina Talvy** in your thoughts as she visits the hospital for heart surgery January 19. **Lion Bob Wildish** is having a lot of back problems - he would enjoy cards from friends.

There is a character in several tv ads these days that looks a lot like our own **PCC Joe Talvy** - could it be him?

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THE MOUNTAIN LION

January 2009

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Meeting 1st and 3rd
Thursday at 11:30
Elks Club, 1800 N
Oracle, Tucson

Coming Up ---

January 15 Meeting - our speaker is DG Tom Spering

January 16,17 - Eyeglass
Sorting at Saavi, 9-3

January 21-24 - Caborca
Trip

January 29 - Meeting -
Learn about prostate cancer
with Dr. Jim Kiefert from
USToo International

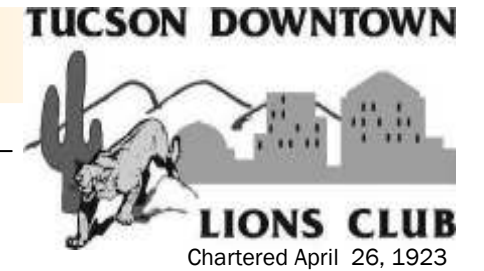
February 11 - Trip to
Caborca Mexico

February 12 - Board meeting
- 11:30 at Elks Club. All
Lions welcome

February 19 - Free lunch -
join the clean up party at
rodeo grounds at 9 a.m.

February 21- March 1 -
Rodeo

March 7/8 and 14/15; April
4/5 and 18/19 - White Canes



**Welcome
District Governor
Tom Spering
January 15, 2009**

NOMINATIONS OPEN

Immediate past president Loren Larsen heads up our nominating committee this year. Contact him (loren5@q.com) or committee members Linda Bryant and Marianne Larsen to suggest a nomination or volunteer to serve for the year beginning July 1. Elections will be held March 19.

IN MEMORY

We have lost some good Lions lately.

Lion Jim Morrow passed away November 27 at the age of 92. A Lion since 1990, Jim was always on hand for White Canes and Rodeo.



Lion Wayne Bower, a Lion since 1947, died



December 9. His Lions career began in Ohio and moved to Tucson in 1970. He served as Club President and was a Melvin Jones Fellow. We will miss his help on fundraising and at rodeo.

Lion Larry Duchene of the South Tucson Lions Club, died recently. Along with all his work for the South Tucson Lions, he was often on hand to help Linda Bryant in our rodeo popcorn booth. We will miss you, Lorenzo.

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FROM YOUR BOARD -

Help wanted for the Eyeball Express - Sun City Lions carry donated eyes from Phoenix to UofA research facilities in Tucson but they need help during the summer when so many Sun City snowbirds head back to cooler climes. Call PDG

John Hart if you can help.

TDLC will host the 2010 District Convention here in



Tucson. Our club needs a committee to start planning.

Call PDG John.

Also let John know if you can help him at the mid year gathering in Prescott this fall - he is chairing the event and needs some help setting up rooms. It is November 6,7,8.

Membership in TDLC is now 69.

All Hands Needed for Rodeo Fun

Regular meetings are out - fun is in for February.

Big Hat Lunch - as of press time may or may not happen - check with **Everett Rothrock**.

Our rodeo cleanup party is set for February 19 - meet at the concession stand on the rodeo grounds at 9 a.m. - Free lunch will be provided - where else can you get a deal like that?.

February 21 - March 1 is Rodeo week. All Lions are needed - to reserve your favorite

shift, call Rodeo Chair **Lowell Fowble**.

Helping Lowell with Rodeo duties this year are

Patty Lacy and **Dory Hart**, finance;

John Hart, Cooking;

Erik Johnson and **Lloyd Sell**, Coke/Gofer;

Joan Herner, West Side Kitchen;

Linda Bryant, popcorn;

Monica and **Richard Rhoads**, hucksters;

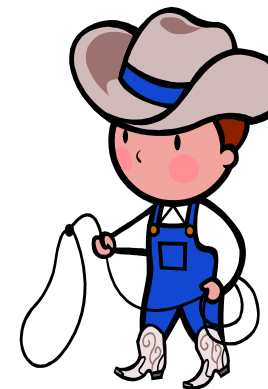
Loren Larsen, East Side Kitchen;

Jim Lewis, huckster pop;

Kuddusi Ramazanoglu, Shamrock.

Monica Rhoads is recruiting help from other Lions Clubs.

Lion Lowell reports we will be paying Rodeo a smaller percentage of our sales this year (just 30% instead of last year's 41%) which should help to keep our profits up.



Hey Cowpokes - we need you at the rodeo so there are no regular meetings in February. All Lions are invited to attend the Board Meeting February 12.

TDLC LIONS TRAVEL TO MEXICO

About a dozen Lions and friends from TDLC will travel to Caborca, Mexico January 22 through 24 to work with Lions of Mexico on their ongoing Orientation and Mobility Training for blind people.

U.S. Lions will be training blind people of Caborca and their sighted guides in effective ways to get around in their daily lives, trip leader PDG John Hart explains. The training team also will be teaching

Caborca Lions Club Lions how to do the mobility training themselves for future training events.

While in Caborca, the travelling group will also visit the Caborca Lions Eye

Clinic, where Lions provide eye exams and glasses. A tour of the facility, including an operating suite for cataract surgery, also is planned.